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- You’ll be part of a Russell Group university - one of the UK’s world-class universities with global recognition.
- You can choose from more than 300 degree programmes. The Cardiff University degree is known and respected worldwide, with a substantial number accredited by the professions and other external bodies.
- You’ll benefit from outstanding teaching in a research-led environment.
- Staff include a Nobel Laureate and numerous Fellows of the Royal Society.

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“Cardiff is a popular student city, relatively inexpensive and with a good range of nightlife and cultural venues.”

Times Good University Guide 2014

Cardiff is a thriving and attractive city which is widely recognised as an outstanding place in which to live and study. It combines all the advantages of a compact, friendly and inexpensive location with the cultural and recreational facilities of a modern capital city.

Cardiff offers everything from the excitement of the city to the peace and tranquillity of the nearby coast and countryside. With its distinctive character, good quality of life, and growing national and international reputation, it hosts many high profile cultural and sporting events, including international rugby, soccer, cricket and motor sport.

When it comes to entertainment, Cardiff is well-equipped to satisfy student needs. There is a multitude of cafes, pubs and nightclubs. The City is home to the world-renowned Welsh National Opera, it hosts prestigious concert venues such as the Wales Millennium Centre, St David’s Hall and the Motorpoint Arena, as well as the iconic Millennium Stadium, the National Museum and Gallery of Wales, several theatres and the historic Cardiff Castle.

Cardiff is the location for award-winning television productions, including Dr Who, Sherlock, Torchwood and Casualty, and the Dr Who Experience in Cardiff Bay is a popular new attraction. The city is one of the UK’s best shopping destinations, a status enhanced by the opening of the £750 million St David’s Dewi Sant retail centre standing alongside pedestrianised shopping streets, indoor and outdoor markets, and a fascinating network of glass-canopied Victorian and Edwardian arcades.

Cardiff also has more urban green space than any other UK city, and offers easy access to the countryside, coast and mountains. Lively, elegant, confident, cosmopolitan and ambitious are all words readily used to describe modern-day Cardiff. Together, the city and the University provide students with the ‘Cardiff Experience’, a lifestyle our students remember long after graduation.

Don’t just take our word for it...

“Modern Cardiff combines the best of the old and the new...it has a relatively small population and is fairly inexpensive to live in. Close to the campus, the city centre has an array of shops and entertainment options to cater to all tastes and budgets.”

The Telegraph Guide to UK Universities 2012

Come and see for yourself...

“Cardiff benefits from excellent road and rail links with Britain’s other major towns and cities. London, for example, is two hours by train, and the M4 links both the west and south of England, as well as west Wales. Travel to the Midlands and to the North is equally convenient. The journey by road from Birmingham, for example, takes only two hours. The main coach and railway stations are both centrally placed, and Cardiff also benefits from an international airport.”

The University is alongside attractive parkland and is adjacent to Cardiff Castle and the city centre.
Cardiff: A leading university

“Cardiff University is one of Britain’s leading teaching and research universities.”
Telegraph Guide to UK Universities 2014

Cardiff University has an international reputation for excellence in teaching and research, built on a history of service and achievement since 1883, and recognised by our membership of the Russell Group of leading research-led universities.

With attractive and compact campuses, excellent student accommodation, and a hugely popular Students’ Union, all within easy walking distance of each other in a thriving city, it is not surprising that Cardiff is a university of first choice among well-prepared applicants.

We admit approximately 5,000 undergraduate entrants each year, the majority of whom are school and college leavers, and have high grades at A-level or equivalent. While competition for entry is strong, Cardiff is an inclusive university with a good record on widening participation and fair access, and we welcome applications, irrespective of background, from everyone with the potential to succeed at Cardiff University.

The University’s Cathays Park campus is located in and around the impressive Portland stone buildings, parks and wide tree-lined avenues that form Cardiff’s attractive civic centre. The majority of academic schools are located here, just a few minutes’ walk from the city centre. The three academic schools offering healthcare courses (excluding Optometry and Pharmacy) are based at the Heath Park campus, approximately one mile away, which is also home to the University Hospital of Wales.

Although dating from 1883, Cardiff is focused on the 21st century, and has modern state-of-the-art buildings and facilities. The University has invested substantially in its estate in recent years and most academic schools have benefited from major refurbishment, including new and well-equipped laboratories, lecture theatres, libraries and computing facilities.

International opportunities are available via our Global Opportunity Centre. These include study, work and volunteering placements in 27 EU countries as well as international exchange opportunities. All students also have the opportunity to study a language in addition to their degree through the University’s Languages For All programme.

The University takes its environmental, safety and security responsibilities very seriously. It has comprehensive policies in place which are making great savings in energy consumption and, to support the safety and security of all members of the University community and their property, there is 24-hour security cover throughout the campus.

What the Guides say

“(Cardiff) University is the acknowledged leader of higher education in Wales. It is the Principality’s only member of the Russell Group of research-led universities and has two Nobel Laureates on its staff. It is our 2014 Best Welsh University.”
Times Good University Guide 2014

“The University is as confident and forward-looking as the city it’s located in, and has an excellent reputation for the quality of its teaching and research. Almost 60% of its research is ranked as world leading and it is a member of the Russell Group of leading universities.”
Guardian University Guide 2013
Living in Cardiff

As a fast developing capital city, Cardiff is a great place to be a student. It’s large enough to offer you an exciting variety of activities and entertainment, but small enough for you to feel comfortable in.

Accommodation

Cardiff offers guaranteed University accommodation, good quality and value, and a range of residences to suit individual preferences and budgets.

All first year undergraduates who apply during the normal UCAS admissions cycle (ie come to Cardiff as a firm or insurance applicant) are guaranteed a single occupancy place in University residences during the first year of study. Please see our website for full details: www.cardiff.ac.uk/residences

The University is continually investing in its student residences, and the views of students are taken into account at the design stage. Unusually for a civic university, most of our residences are within easy walking distance of lecture theatres, libraries, laboratories, the Students’ Union and city centre.

There are 14 different residences, providing more than 5,300 study bedrooms and students can apply for the residences which best suit their preferences, interests and budgets. Some 70% have en-suite shower and toilet facilities and all halls of residence have computer network connection points and access to WiFi.

Fees depend on the facilities included and whether catered, part-catered or self-catered, but prices compare very favourably with those of other UK universities. Besides managing University property, the Residences Office maintains close links with the private sector and provides assistance to students seeking to rent or share houses or flats.

Student Life

The Students’ Union

Cardiff Students’ Union is one of the biggest, best and most active in Britain. Solus, the Great Hall and the Taf Bar are among the Union’s major attractions. Solus is the students’ own high quality nightclub, and is one of the largest in Wales. The Great Hall is a 1,500 capacity venue for major concerts and the Taf Bar is the Union’s very own ‘local’.

Other facilities include The Kitchen, CF10 café, a bank, a print shop, a hair salon and a bookshop. The Lounge offers IT and Skyping facilities, meeting rooms and a “chillout” area, as well as snooker tables and multi-faith prayer room. The Union also has its own letting agency and an Advice and Representation centre. In addition, it is home to CU TV and Xpress Radio (the students’ own TV and radio stations) and more than 200 cultural, political, religious, social and sporting societies.

Jobshop

Jobshop is the Union’s own student employment service and provides casual, clerical and catering jobs around the University to hundreds of students.

What the Guides say

“A place in one of the University’s 5,300 single study bedrooms is guaranteed to all first year undergraduates applying through the normal UCAS admissions cycle.”

Guardian University Guide 2014

“The cost of living for a student in Cardiff is generally lower than elsewhere in the UK.”

The Independent A-Z University Guide 2014

“The Union offers an exciting entertainment programme, a comprehensive range of student support services and 150 clubs and societies.”

The Complete University Guide 2014

How to find the School

The Cardiff School of Modern Languages is located at 65-68 Park Place, which is situated at the heart of Cathays Park Campus, a short walk from the city centre.

The buildings are very close to the Cathays railway station and is easily accessible from the University Halls of residence.
Cardiff University boasts one of the largest and most dynamic modern languages centres in the UK.

With an excellent reputation for research and teaching, the School of Modern Languages gives students the opportunity to pursue their interest in languages and cultures in an exciting, interdisciplinary environment.

Located at the heart of the university, the School of Modern Languages offers an impressive range of degree programmes for those with an active interest in language and culture.

Proven teaching expertise in French, German, Italian, Spanish (with Catalan) and Japanese means that students gain an in-depth understanding of their chosen language, literature, culture and history. Students can also choose our unique degree in translation, which offers a foundation in two languages as well as essential practical skills. In addition, our popular Joint Honours degrees provide an opportunity to combine an interest in languages with a number of other subjects including politics, business and law.

With over 1400 students and 80 academic staff, the School offers a friendly, diverse environment and personal tutors ensure support throughout the degree programme. Regular events, lectures and organised activities create a lively atmosphere.

Close links with top universities across the world provide diverse options for a year abroad immersed in a foreign culture. Students can also become part of the Student Language Ambassador scheme, which offers the opportunity to work with schools across the South Wales area to teach and promote the importance of languages.

An excellent understanding of languages and cultures is essential in today’s world and our graduates are highly skilled communicators, ideally placed for international careers.

If you have an interest in language and culture, we offer a range of single honours and Joint Honours degree courses to choose from.

Our courses aim to allow students to develop a high level of proficiency in their chosen language(s) as well as a comprehensive understanding of cultures that shape them. All languages can be studied from beginner or advanced level, apart from French where we currently only offer advanced level entry.

Our courses are very flexible and allow you to expand your interests with a range of optional modules. You can even try up to three languages in the first year and decide which one you would like to take forward in your degree.

A joint honours degree is the perfect option for those would like to combine their interests. Many choose to combine two of the languages taught within the School itself. Other options such as the combination of politics or other subjects in humanities and modern foreign languages are also popular. Students are required to complete a year abroad period when a language is one of the two subjects selected as part of a joint honours scheme.

Subjects you can combine your degree with include (language choice dependant):

- Ancient History
- Archaeology
- English Language
- English Literature
- Economics
- History
- Mathematics
- Music
- Philosophy
- Politics
- Religious Studies
- Welsh

NB: Please see our website for full listing of joint options:

www.cardiff.ac.uk/modern-languages/courses/undergraduate

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Sunset in Syracuse Sicily, by Katy Bryce: Year Abroad Photo Competition 2013

By Helen Wilson: Year Abroad Photo Competition 2013
Studying Modern Languages at Cardiff

A Modern Languages degree in Cardiff has three broad aims of development:

- Near-native competency in the language(s) studied.
- A high level of knowledge of aspects of the politics, economy, society, history and culture of the countries whose languages are studied.
- High-quality transferable skills of independent problem-solving, written and oral communication and analytical skills that will make you highly attractive to prospective employers.

Taught by native speakers, content is taught by a combination of lectures and seminars. Lectures provide a broad structure for each subject, introduce key concepts, and convey relevant up-to-date information.

Seminars provide an opportunity to ask questions and discuss key ideas in a small group environment. Seminars are kept small and usually average between 12-15 students. This is designed to give you ample opportunity to participate and interact with members of the academic staff.

Different seminar formats are used:
- Set questions and readings form the basis for discussions.
- Presentations develop your capacity to gather, organise and synthesise relevant information and to communicate these ideas in a logical and concise manner.
- Tutor-led and student-led discussions hone logical skills and give you practice in applying different concepts, theories and methods to subject-matter while exposure you to different interpretations of ideas and events.
- Group problem-solving helps develop collaborative skills. This unique blend of intercultural, personal and linguistic skills puts you at the forefront of the job market.

All members of staff at Cardiff are passionate about their subject and are keen to share with students their enthusiasm and research-led knowledge. Their expertise spans a wide range of subjects creating flexibility to specialise or mix and match options. Language provision is often complemented by meetings with language assistants for further oral practice, as well as opportunities to join one of our language or Erasmus societies.

Year 1
The BA programme offers students the opportunity to pursue their own areas of interest with a wide variety of modules in literature, political and cultural studies and history.

Whether coming to Cardiff to study for a single or joint honours programme, all students have the opportunity to combine their chosen subject(s) with a variety of other subjects in Year 1. There are a few exceptions to this, these being joint honours with Japanese and joint honours with Law. All other students are required to follow 3 subjects in the first year.

This gives you the opportunity to continue a subject you enjoyed at A level or to try a new subject that you did not have the chance to study before. It also gives you great flexibility as most third subjects can be taken to degree level should you decide that you want to change your original choice of degree programme at the end of the first year provided you have the necessary grades.

Modern Language students (excluding those studying joint Japanese courses) are also able to study the two first-year translation modules of the BA Translation, enabling you to specialise in translation throughout your degree, provided you have taken the pre-requisite modules. Alternatively, you could transfer to the 3-year BA Translation or 4-year Modern Languages and Translation degree scheme at the end of year one.

Year 2
The second year builds on the knowledge and skills developed in the first year, through the study of language and optional modules. These are often related to the research area of lecturers so that you get the most up-to-date knowledge delivered by experts in the field. Some optional modules are also delivered through the target language.

Optional modules enable you to specialise in area studies/social science or in literary/ cultural studies, as you wish.

Year 3 – The Year Abroad
The third year is spent abroad either as a student in one of our partner universities, as a language assistant in a foreign school, or on a work placement. Students studying one language will spend 2 semesters in the host country. Students studying two languages will spend 1 semester in each host country.

Study Abroad
We have developed numerous partnerships with top universities, which means that you have the opportunity to study in some of the most iconic and inspiring cities in Europe as well as across the world. We will make sure you are well prepared to make the most of this experience.

Destinations include Paris, Berlin, Milan and Barcelona, as well as many other universities across Europe. Spanish students also have the option to spend their year abroad further afield in Latin America, such as Lima (Peru) and Guadalajara (Mexico). Students taking Japanese will be attending select universities in Tokyo, Kyot, Beppu, Saitama, Hiroshima, Kobe, Kitakyushu and Yokohama depending upon their degree, preferences and the nature of the exchange.

Students studying joint honours with another language split their time between the two countries of the languages studied – for instance half in France, half in Spain.

Work Abroad
There are opportunities to apply to teach with the British Council, students offered a place on the British Council Scheme are employed as teaching assistants on a part-time basis. This option provides excellent experience and enables the student to earn a salary sufficient to live on. Training is provided by the British Council in the destination country.

The flexibility, independence and problem-solving skills developed during this year are often cited by employers as a major attraction for hiring language students after graduation.

Final Year
Students consolidate their general language skills and develop a more professional focus by concentrating on core areas in which language skills will be of most relevance in future employment or study.

One of our recent innovations is the Student Language Ambassador Scheme, a final-year option. Through this scheme the School is at the forefront of innovative teaching and learning and engaging with professionals. This structured scheme gives students an opportunity to develop their knowledge and skills in the real setting of a regional secondary school and gain experience of acting as a classroom assistant to Modern Language teachers. The scheme offers final-year students theoretical and empirical training, reinforcing their employability in a context which draws on and refines their university studies in key skills: presentation, organisation, linguistic and cultural awareness. It also offers valuable personal development and professional experience, and not just for those who envisage a career in teaching.

For more information about course structures, modules and teaching, please visit the individual course profiles on our website: www.cardiff.ac.uk/modern-languages/courses/undergraduate
French

French language and culture have been centre-stage in European and world affairs for centuries.

Why study French?
In the new globalised world, French is more important than ever before and the ability to communicate in the language is an invaluable skill. Not only are there exciting career opportunities within Europe for those with a degree in French, but the excellent communications skills you will acquire are highly desired by multinational organisations worldwide.

French is an official language of 29 countries, of all United Nations agencies, and of many other international organisations. It is considered the international language of diplomacy, and is second only to English in its influence. French is spoken across the globe as a native or second language by up to half a billion people. The French-speaking world extends across the globe from Europe to North Africa, Asia and the Americas.

On completion of a four year course in French, students will have a high level of proficiency in French, as well as a critical understanding of key aspects of modern and contemporary French literature, culture and modern France itself.

For more details on courses offered please visit our website: www.cardiff.ac.uk/modern-languages/courses/undergraduate/french

For more information about the Politics Cardiff-Bordeaux Joint Degree – a 4 year programme; 2 years in Cardiff and 2 years in Institute of Political Studies in Bordeaux, please visit our website: http://courses.cardiff.ac.uk/undergraduate/course/detail/L241.html

German

German is one of the key languages in European business, with over 120 million native speakers in Europe.

Why Study German?
German language skills are highly desirable for employers in international or European business as well as a wide range of fields including the media, the arts, teaching, translating, publishing, the Civil Service, marketing and finance. A recent survey by the UK’s leading employers’ organisation CBI rates German as the language most valued by UK managers. German is one of the two key languages of the EU and very useful if you want to work for EU institutions including the Directorate General for Translation.

Language and culture are inseparable, and students will no doubt discover that there is more to German culture than most think. The unique heritages and histories of Germany, Austria and Switzerland have played an important role in the development of Europe.

Taught by native speakers, all of our German courses provide comprehensive language training combined with the opportunity to explore the literatures, cultures and intellectual history of German-speaking countries.

As well as students with A-level German, we also welcome students who have no previous knowledge of German. Entry at beginner level will generally require an A-level in any modern foreign language.

For more details on courses offered please visit our website: www.cardiff.ac.uk/modern-languages/courses/undergraduate/german
Contemporary Japan is founded on a rich and fascinating cultural history that stretches back thousands of years. It remains a major economic power as well as an innovator in the fast-moving automotive and electronic industries. We offer a leading British centre of Japanese Studies. Japanese can be studied as part of a joint honours degree and can be combined with Business Studies, French, German, Italian or Spanish. By the end of the course, students will be proficient in the Japanese language, as well as having an excellent understanding of life and culture in Japan. For more details on courses offered please visit our website: www.cardiff.ac.uk/modern-languages/courses/undergraduate/japanese

Why study Japanese?
A joint honours degree in Japanese offers exciting prospects for anyone interested in Japan. With the huge amount of Japanese investment and interest in UK-based manufacturing, finance and marketing, the link with Japan continues to be a healthy one that is likely to foster many career opportunities for those fluent in Japanese.

Italian

A charming, beautiful language with one of the richest cultural histories in Europe.

Why study Italian?
Italian opens up a host of opportunities to work in both the public and private sectors in Europe. The unique communications and intercultural skills that language graduates develop are in high demand by employers in the fields of teaching, fine arts, banking, the media, tourism and law to name a few. Italy is a major political partner in the European Union; it is a leading force in fields such as engineering and architecture. It is the home of the design and fashion industries. Not only that, but understanding Italian means that you can explore some of the major contributions to European cultural life, including film and literature, in their native language.

Italy is the home of the design and fashion industries as well as being one of the world leaders in the arts, cinema, architecture and music. With a rich history dating back to the Roman era, Italy has significantly influenced the development of Europe.

Our courses in Italian offer students the chance to not only learn the language to a high level of proficiency, but also explore the culture that has shaped the social landscape of this inspiring country.

Italian can be studied either from a beginner or advanced level depending on your ability. We apply innovative methodologies in our teaching, including small group activities and constant discussion, with the support of native Italian teachers and exchange students.

For more details on courses offered please visit our website: www.cardiff.ac.uk/modern-languages/courses/undergraduate/italian

Tara Quinn-Thomas
BA Italian & Spanish
I began studying for my BA in Italian (Advanced) and Spanish (Beginners) after taking some years out from studying to go travelling and teach abroad. I am now a second-year student and I am enjoying studying at Cardiff University more than anything. The teachers instil a real passion for both culture and language and the modules I have taken have been a great opportunity to gain a more thorough understanding of the countries and their history. The teaching is of the highest quality and they always have time to help students. During the past two years I have also been an active member of the Italian/Spanish society and have participated in lots of language related events and work, including a trial translation/interpreting job. I also helped to organize a trip to Rome which took place in Reading week of my second year. It was a fantastic experience and great practice for my year abroad. I am really looking forward to my Erasmus year where I will spend the first semester in Florence and the second semester in Barcelona as a teacher. I could not have been more fortunate that I got into Cardiff University.

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There is an increasingly high demand for translation skills in the UK and Europe. We offer one of the few specialist translation programmes in the UK, providing an alternative route in the study of language with a focus on employability.

Students studying Translation gain an excellent command of two different languages as well as essential skills in translation. Similar to other programmes within the School, students gain an understanding of language and culture, however, there is a significant focus on professional translation, combining theory, methodology and practical skills.

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**Spanish**

A language with a global reach, shaped by a culturally diverse heritage.

**Why study Spanish?**

Spanish is an important European language which also has a global reach. Latin American countries in particular are now integral players in international trade, meaning that the Spanish language is more important than ever. Speaking Spanish allows you to explore the vibrant cultures, literature and politics of the Hispanic world.

There is high demand for Spanish graduates from multinational employers who value the language, communications and intercultural skills that are developed through language degrees. A Spanish course can open up a range of exciting career opportunities in fields such as international politics or business, consultancy, sales and marketing, finance, teaching, and translating/interpreting.

With approximately 400 million native speakers in more than twenty countries where Spanish is an official language, español is one of the three international languages in the world. Today it is used in Spain, Spanish America, some parts of Africa, and increasingly in the USA.

By the end of your course, you will have a near-fluent command of the Spanish language as well as an in-depth understanding of Hispanic culture and society.

We welcome those with no previous knowledge of Spanish, as well as those with A level Spanish. For entry at beginner level, an A-level in another foreign language is required.

For more details on courses offered please visit our website:

www.cardiff.ac.uk/modern-languages/courses/undergraduate/spanish

**Why study Translation?**

As well as receiving practical and in-depth language tuition, students are also given translation specific skills not available on the traditional language courses, which allow students to carve out a particular career path, and act as an excellent foundation for a foothold in the translation industry. Specialist modules introduce the different institutional contexts you may encounter in your future careers (government, media, multinational business) and alert you to some of the real challenges of the translation profession such as time-management, managing resources, establishing and maintaining networks.

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**These unique courses offer:**

- A good foundation in two languages and cultures (French, German, Spanish, Italian, Welsh or Japanese).
- A translation curriculum in line with standards set by professional bodies (Institute of Linguists and the Institute for Translators and Interpreters).
- Generic and specialised translation skills in areas such as legal, commercial and scientific translation.
- The opportunity to study languages with or without a compulsory year abroad.

**Translation and Translation and Modern Languages**

Three year (without year abroad) or Four Year (with year abroad) courses with a focus on professional translation skills.
Employability & Careers

Graduates from the School are in high demand in both the public and private sectors, not only for their language capability but also for their excellent communications skills and intercultural understanding.

In 2012, nearly 85% of graduates (of known destination) from the School, were in full-time employment or study six months after completing their degree.

Many of our graduates find themselves working in the areas of finance, business consultancy, education, social welfare, health and the media.

After further training, many language students pursue careers in interpreting, translation and teaching.

Careers and Employability Service
The University offers a careers and employability service for students, graduates and postgraduates. You can access careers information, explore your options and speak to a consultant who can advise you on opportunities relating to your degree or professions field, including advice on postgraduate degree. The service offers guidance on preparing a CV and job applications and gives you the chance to meet and network with top graduate recruiters at Careers Fairs and events. If you are looking for work experience, the careers service can assist with planning and organising your placement.

Applications
To be considered for entry onto one of our degree programmes you should apply online via the UCAS website using the UCAS Apply facility. To use this facility you need to log onto:
www.ucas.ac.uk/apply

The website will provide you with information on how to apply and explains the UCAS procedure.

Typical Entry Requirements
For detailed entry requirements and latest typical offers please see:
www.cardiff.ac.uk/ugcourses

Applications Information
Typical intake: 230
Typical number of applications: 1,300

Equal Opportunities
Cardiff University is committed to promoting equality and diversity in all of its practices and activities, including those relating to student recruitment, selection and admission.

The University aims to establish an inclusive culture which welcomes and ensures equality of opportunity for applicants of all ages, ethnicities, disabilities, family structures, gender, nationalities, sexual orientations, races, religious or other beliefs, and socio-economic backgrounds.

This commitment forms part of the Equality and Diversity Policy which is available at: www.cardiff.ac.uk/ecom/equalityanddiversity/index

Applicants with Disabilities/Specific Needs
All offers to study at Cardiff University are made solely on the basis of academic merit. Where applicants have specific requirements that relate to a disability or medical condition, they are encouraged to discuss these with relevant staff in order that appropriate arrangements can be made to ensure the University provides an accessible environment. Specifically, applicants are invited to contact the Disability Adviser who can provide information about the applications procedure, course delivery and access to the physical environment. Where appropriate, informal visits can be arranged in which applicants can view accommodation and meet academic staff.

The Disability Adviser can be contacted at: Student Support Centre 50 Park Place, Cardiff CF10 3AT Tel/Microphone: +44 (0)29 2087 4844 Email: disability@cardiff.ac.uk

Deferred Entry
The School has no objection to the possibility of deferred entry provided the intervening year is spent in a positive and worthwhile way. Application is made through UCAS in the usual way, although the UCAS application must show the deferred year of entry.

Admissions Contacts
For further information on applying, please contact:
Admissions Office
65-68 Park Place
Cardiff
CF10 3AS
Tel: (029) 2087 0824
Email: languages-ug.admissions@cardiff.ac.uk

Tuition Fees and Financial Assistance
The University charges an annual fee which covers all tuition fees, registration and examinations other than the re-taking of examinations by students not currently registered. Please note charges for accommodation in University Residences are additional. Please see the following website for more information: www.cardiff.ac.uk/fees

Scholarships and Bursaries
For more information please visit the following website:
www.cardiff.ac.uk/scholarships

Useful websites
For information about tuition fees and financial assistance:
Cardiff University website: www.cardiff.ac.uk/fees
Student Support Centre website:
www.cardiff.ac.uk/financialsupport/index.html
Student Finance Wales:
www.studentfinancewales.co.uk
Student Finance England:
www.studentfinanceengland.co.uk
Student Loans Company:
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Some of our current students are sharing their experiences online through their Facebook pages, so if you want to know what life as a student at Cardiff is really like, then you can find out now. There is also lots of information about what is happening in Cardiff, including articles written by our students, videos, and much more.

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